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SUBJECT: ROMANIA ROUNDLY CONDEMNS ISRAELI ATTACK ON IRAQI NUCLEAR INSTALLATION

1. THE PARTY DAILY "SCINTEIA" JUNE 10 MOUNTED A FULL-SCALE DENUNCIATION OF THE ISRAELI ATTACK JUNE 7 ON THE IRAQI NUCLEAR INSTALLATION SIR BAGHBCS. THE DENUNCIATION WAS THREE-PRONGED: AN AGERPRES DECLARATION AUTHORIZED BY THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT, A "SCINTEIA" EDITORIAL, AND A SURVEY OF DENUNCIATIONS (CARRIED BY AGERPRES) FROM CAPITALS AROUND THE WORLD.

2. THE AGERPRES DECLARATION STATES, INTER ALIA, THAT "IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT NO ONE, FOR ANY REASON AND IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCE, CAN BE ALLOWED TO VIOLATE THE SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF ANOTHER STATE, ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND THAT THERE IS NO WAY TO JUSTIFY THE DEFENSE OF YOUR OWN SECURITY BY A FLAGRANT DISREGARD OF THE SECURITY OF OTHER STATES."

3. THE "SCINTEIA" EDITORIAL CONTINUES IN A CATEGORICAL

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DENUNCIATION OF THE RAID: "THE MOTIVES INVOKED BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT FOR THE BOMBING DOES NOT HAVE AND CAN NOT HAVE ANY SORT OF JUSTIFICATION. THE "PUBLIC OPINION" IN ROMANIA HAS TREATED THE NEWS WITH "PROFOUND INDIGNATION AND THE GREATEST CONCERN", ACCORDING TO THE EDITORIAL. INSTEAD OF THIS "UNJUSTIFIED" AND "AGGRESSIVE" ACTION WHICH CALLS FOR A "SERIOUS RESPONSE" FROM "ITS OWN PEOPLE, ALL THE WORLD'S POPULATION, AND IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE ITSELF", "SCINTEIA" SETS FORTH THE ROMANIAN ALTERNATIVE.

4. THE EDITORIAL REPORTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SOCIALIST ROMANIA "CONDEMNS FIRMLY THE ISRAELI AGGRESSION, MANIFESTING ITS PROFOUND DISQUIET, AND REAFFIRMS ITS OWN CLEAR POSITION", WHICH IS "THAT THE COMPLICATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST "MUST BE SOLVED ONLY THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS, THROUGH THE MEANS OF TRDATIES". THE ROMANIAN

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GOVERNMENT CALLS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM "OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES" AND THE CONVOKING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE UNDER UN AUSPICES, WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, THE SOVIET UNION, AND THE UNITED STATES PRESENT.

5. THE AGERPRES ROUNDUP OF REACTIONS FROM BAGHDAD, TOKYO, AMMAN, CAIRO, BEIRUT, BELGRADE, PARIS, VIENNA AND OTHER CAPITALS INCLUDES THE TASS COMMUNIQUE THAT IRAQ HAS SIGNED THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND BLAMES BOTH ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES. IN THE TASS ARTICLE, THE UNITED STATES IS BLAMED FOR SELLING WEAPONS FOR ISRAEL FOR THE ATTACK.

6. COMMENT: THE FULL-SCALE DENUNCIATION LAUNCHED IN THE JUNE 10 "SCINTEIA" IS UNUSUALLY VEHEMENT. THE ROMANIAN

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PRESS CRITICISM HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY LOW-KEY TOWARD MANY DRAMATIC INTERNATIONAL EVENTS. THE EMPHASIS UPON "AGGRESSION" AND LOSS OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY ARE COMMON THEMES IN THE ROMANIAN LITURGY, BUT MAY HAVE PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE WHEN INTERPRETED AGAINST EVENTS OCCURRING ELSEWHERE THAN IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

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